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# Providing for uncommon defense

Ground-based system  
fielded by Sept. 30

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With today's rogue nations and the proliferation of ballistic missiles, it might surprise many Americans to learn this nation's defense against long-range ballistic missile attack.

There is none.

But that should change beginning this fall. The Missile Defense Agency's Ballistic Missile Defense System is on schedule for fielding by Sept. 30.

"This system will defend our families and all Americans against long-range ballistic missiles. That's pretty important in my book," Maj. Gen. John Holly, program director for the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office, said.

The effort to defend all 50 states against long-range ballistic missiles covers eight time zones from the United Kingdom to the Aleutian Islands to the Marshall Islands in the Pacific. "Our center of gravity is located right here in Huntsville," Holly said.

About 10,000 people — including government workers, contractors and all the industry



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**ASSEMBLY—** A ground-based interceptor is lifted and transferred during assembly at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

partners led by Boeing of Huntsville — are involved. The 1,200-member joint program office, 840 of whom are in Huntsville, is supported by 18 major contractor locations and

eight major government locations. More than 2,000 in the local area are employed by Boeing and its subcontractors. Boeing is the prime contractor; and the major subcontractors include Northrop Grumman of Huntsville, Lockheed Martin of Courtland, and Raytheon of Tucson, Ariz., and Bedford, Mass. There are U.S. contractors in the United Kingdom.

"We will field and place this system on alert this year," Holly said. "Operators will be from the U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command along with Air Force Space Command."

The system's sites include Fort Greely, Alaska, Schriever Air Station in Colorado Springs, Colo., Eareckson Air Station in Shemya, Alaska, Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif., Beale AFB, Calif.; and it will have ties into Northern Command in Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado Springs and Buckley AFB, Colo. It will also tie into Navy Aegis destroyers and cruisers operating in the Pacific.

"This is probably one of the most complex integration activities that our country is pursuing today," Holly said. "But in laymen's terms: If someone were to launch a ballistic missile against the United States, our sensors would acquire that target. The fire control system would calculate an intercept point in space and the interceptors based either in Fort Greely, Alaska, or Vandenberg AFB, Calif., would fly out and hit the threat and destroy it, strictly using kinetic energy. Kinetic energy at impact is sufficient to totally destroy the threat object because we will have a closing velocity in excess of 15,000 miles an hour. And we have successfully demonstrated that capability in our flight testing."

The program originated about 1999 as the National Missile Defense Program. Over time the program evolved into a capabilities-based approach to enable this nation to defend



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**SILO VISIT—** Maj. Gen. John Holly, program director for the Ground-Based Midcourse Defense Joint Program Office, shows officials a silo at Fort Greely, Alaska. On the left is Air Force Gen. Ralph Eberhart, commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo.

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## Classroom needs instructor

**T**hinking about signing up on TIPS for a computer class? Too late! You no longer have the option of learning online or from a certified master instructor that can and will answer your questions and provide any help needed for you to understand the computer.

Effective April 1 in accordance with Department of the Army Letter 350-04-1 and a memorandum from AMCOM, the primary method of training for the work force will be the Army's e-Learning. The human element has been removed from the classroom and replaced by a monitor.

My problem with this policy is that I for one prefer an instructor at the front of the class and learn from the exchange of questions and answers provided in a classroom. There should be an option for both types of training.

**John H. Gonzalez**

*Editor's note: The Human Resource Directorate provided the following response. "The Department of the Army headquarters letter 350-04-1 dated Jan. 8 mandates that all civilian and military personnel utilize Army e-Learning as its primary method of training deliv-*

*ery for work force information technology training. To comply with this directive, the Aviation and Missile Command will begin utilizing e-Learning as its primary IT training vehicle beginning April 1.*

*"In keeping with AMCOM's goal of implementing initiatives to motivate and sustain a high-performing diverse work force, the Human Resource Directorate has established a distance learning lab in building 5304 of the Sparkman Center. This resource will allow employees a conducive learning environment away from workplace distractions. To assist learners in accessing e-Learning programs or assisting them with specific learning applications, a Microsoft Office User Specialist certified instructor will be provided in the distance learning lab during specified hours. The distance learning lab will be available to all AMCOM employees; non-AMCOM employees may use the distance learning lab on a space available basis. This methodology will allow learners to work at his or her individual pace and create accelerated learning opportunities to meet mission specific or professional developmental needs."*

## Getting to know you

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**Name:** Kelly Davis

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**Where do you call home?**  
Arab, Ala.

**What do you like about your job?**

Working with good people. Also, I just started my position five months ago so the challenge of learning new and different things.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

When I am not going to my son's basketball and baseball games and my daughter's dance classes, I like to decorate and go shopping.



**What are your goals?**

To be a more patient and positive person and to do my job well.

## Quote of the week

**'T**he trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt.'

— Bertrand Russell

## Logistics workshop success

**T**he Logistics Support Activity hosted Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop 2004 from March 8-12 at Redstone Arsenal. Excluding LOGSA, 784 representatives from the joint, strategic, national and tactical levels attended this weeklong session. Attendees included OSD, Headquarters Department of Army, representatives throughout Army Materiel Command, representatives throughout each major command, HRC, CASCOM, PM LIS, JFCOM, USA IMA, NGB, USARC, USAFMSA, USASOC, DLA, DLIS, GSA and many contractor organizations.

This year's theme was "Unleashing the Power of Logistics for the Warfighter." The purpose of the WLTW is to showcase and provide information/updates on logistics tools and programs that support the warfighter. The welcoming speaker for this year's event was Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, G3, AMC. Numerous organizations to include LOGSA provided information and updates on their key logistics programs such as Enterprise Integration, PBUSE, LMP, GCSS-Army, ILAP, the LIDB Suite of Products, Parts Tracker, Readiness Predictive Analyzer, DODAAC support, JTAV, etc.

Training was in the form of 43 auditorium presentations, 55 unique classroom briefings, demonstrations and hands-on laboratories offered multiple times, 15 help desks supporting individual attendee



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**BANNER EVENT—** Marcia Byrnes served as LOGSA's program manager for the Worldwide Logistics Training Workshop held March 8-12.

logistics questions and 14 exhibits.

Feedback from attendees reflected WLTW 2004 provided critical logistics updates, hands-on training and individual customer support in one forum — which is unique when compared to other available workshops and training experiences. Attendees indicated they updated their knowledge base and received critical information/training on how better to utilize the "power of logistics for the warfighter."

**Debbie Baugh**  
Logistics Support Activity

## An open lane random survey

*What do you think about the Internet as a way to meet people?*

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**Pvt. William Putnam**  
Bravo Company

"I think it's OK. You have to be careful, but it's a good way to meet people."



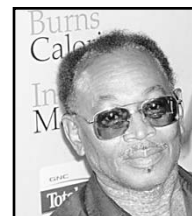
**Marie Keirstead**  
retired spouse

"I think it's wrong. People need to socialize. They need to make contact. With a machine, it's just not right."



**Pfc. Robert Sharpton**  
Bravo Company

"I'm not a fan of Internet dating services. There are a lot of crazies out there. You don't know what they're planning. It could be the next serial killer or something on the Internet."



**Joe Williams, vendor**

"I think it's a good idea. It's a good way to meet people."

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# Crimes, accidents and other occurrences

The Provost Marshal Office provided the following list of reported incidents.

**March 20:** An individual was found to be operating his motor vehicle with a suspended driver's license during an inspection of his vehicle at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released.

**March 20:** An individual was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia during an inspection of his vehicle at Gate 10. He was issued a violation notice and released. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**March 21:** A Soldier reported that someone sprayed his personal vehicle with paint while it was parked at building 4100. Investigation continues by the Provost Marshal Office.

**March 21:** An individual was found to have an outstanding warrant for his arrest issued by the Etowah County Police Department during an inspection of his vehicle at Gate 10. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office and then

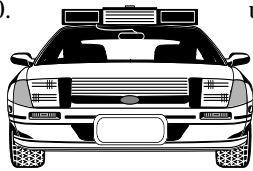
released to the Etowah County Police Department.

**March 23:** An individual stopped in Madison for a traffic offense was found to be a Soldier who was AWOL from his unit at Fort Eustis, Va. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office where he was to be held until he could be returned to his unit.

**March 23:** An individual was found to have two outstanding warrants for his arrest issued by the Athens Police Department during an inspection of his vehicle at Gate 7. He was transported to the Provost Marshal Office and then released to the Athens Police Department.

**Traffic accidents reported:** Four without injuries, none with injuries.

**Violation notices issued:** 31 speeding, 1 failure to obey a traffic control device, 1 expired registration, 1 driving with a suspended driver's license, 1 larceny and 1 possession of drug paraphernalia.



## ■ Defense system represents \$3 billion effort

### Interceptor

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itself against a wide range of potential adversaries. On Dec. 16, 2002, the president directed the fielding of this system; and it changed from a testbed effort to a fielding and testing activity.

This fiscal year some \$3 billion is devoted to the program as part of the Missile Defense Agency's budget. The same amount is requested for fiscal 2005.

"We have zero defense against long-range ballistic missiles for our country today," Holly said of the program's importance. "This fall we will have the capability to defend all the 50 United States — a rather dramatic change in our defense posture."

Army, Navy and Air Force officers and Defense Department civilians are represented in this effort. For example Holly's chief of staff here is Air Force Col. Mike Cox; and Navy Capt. Tom Andress, in Washington, D.C., is in charge of the fire control and communications system.

"The people working on this program are some of the finest, most dedicated and talented people I have ever encountered in my (31-year) career," Holly said. "Regardless of whether they are government or industry, they all share a common goal to provide for the defense of our nation. They truly are the best and the brightest."

Leaders include deputy program director Tom Devaney, chief of staff Cox, project manager for ground-based interceptor Col. Damian Bianca, project manager for X-Band radar Col. Mike Smith, director of operations Sherry Sexton, director of test and evaluation Col. Tim McKaig, director of logistics Jim Hatchett, director of site activation Col. Steve Davis, director of combined test force Harold Holmes, Test and Evaluation Command's Col. Jerry Tomason, deputy for fire control and communications Susan Prill, chief information officer Dan Bradley, director of production and quality operations Gary Lawson and director of program protection David Moore.

# Hundreds greet Soldier after deployment

## Spc. Tommy Lewis ends 9-month tour

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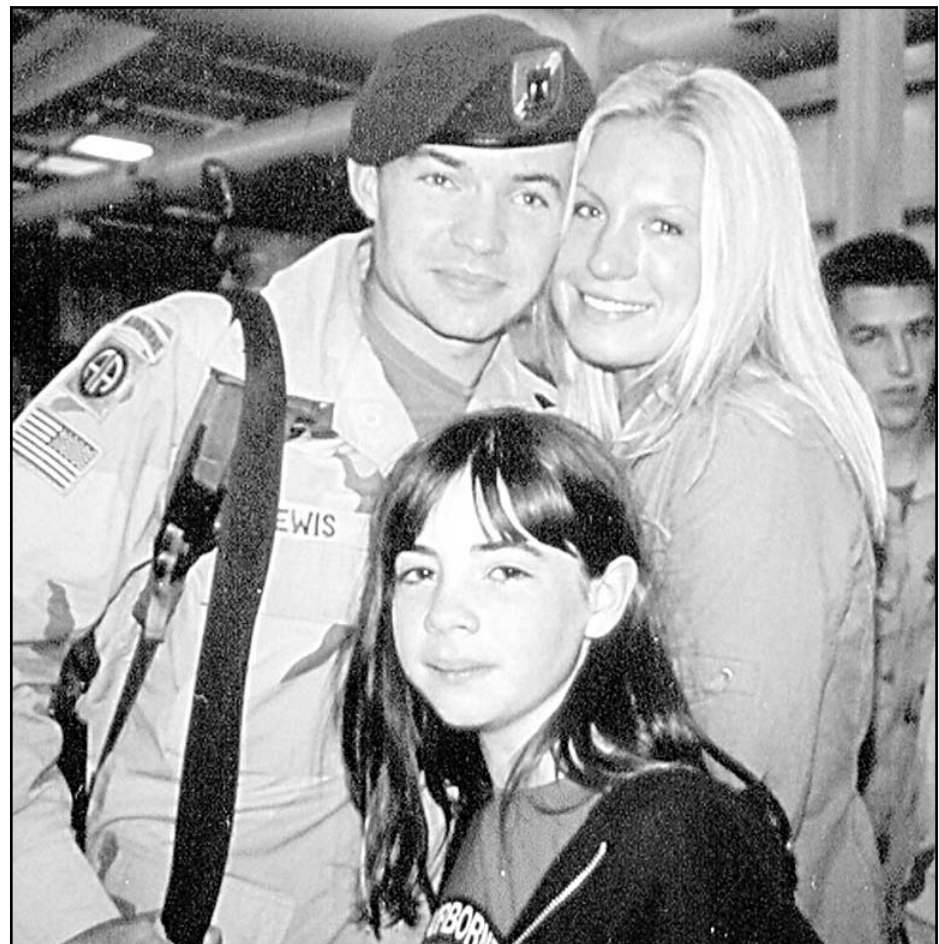
Huntsville native Spc. Tommy Lewis has returned to the U.S. after nine months in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division.

Lewis's mother, Rita Leonard, works in the Integrated Materiel Management Center; and his aunt, Annette Lewis, works in Logistics Support Activity.

Among those who greeted him upon his return were Spc. Amber Long, his girlfriend who returned from Iraq a few months earlier; and Leslie Leonard, his 10-year-old sister.

"Around 500 family and friends waited all night in an airplane hangar at Fort Pope Air Force Base (near Fort Bragg, N.C.) until the plane arrived at 4:30 a.m. carrying the 82nd Aviation Battalion," Leonard said.

"Tommy is still in shock to be on U.S. soil, but he did say that he feels they accomplished a lot while in Iraq. The 82nd built schools and provided books and paper for the local children."



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**TEARFUL REUNION—** Spc. Tommy Lewis is met by his girlfriend Spc. Amber Long, and his sister, Leslie, 10.



# Contract team on guard at the gates



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**A CLOSER LOOK—** Security officer Tim Deen is a member of the contract guard force hired to replace the National Guard units that have been working the gates since October 2001.

*New faces, new uniforms,  
same level of security*

By SANDY RIEBELING

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They may not wear BDUs and have an M-16 rifle slung around their shoulders but the new contract guard force securing the gates of Redstone are every bit as serious and committed to the mission as the National Guard units that came before them.

"This is an opportunity for me to serve the public good," said Herman Peoples, security guard with Alutiq Security and Technology, the company with the contract to supply guards for the gates. Peoples talks with a booming voice and wears a broad smile but he's as serious as can be about the mission.

"The Arsenal is all about true professionalism and greatness," he said. "Here at the gate, I am the first representative of the Arsenal. People will see that professionalism. I'm loving this opportunity."

He's among the first group of 28 guards hired to work the gates. Within a month, the guard force is expected to be trained up to a full staff of 113. National Guard units are still deployed to some larger installations but the decision was made that where possible, replace them with paid employees so that they could be better utilized to fight the war on terror.

"We were sort of hoping for an extension of the National Guard unit so we could get more people trained by March 16 but that didn't happen," Art Riley,

assistant administrative officer at Provost Marshal Office, said. "This is the first phase. Two more groups will go through the training in the next few weeks. Until then, we'll make internal adjustments to cover shifts."

Contract guards must complete 80 hours of training, very similar to what the Department of Army security guards do. They are armed. They are serious.

"People need to be prepared," Riley said. "The process might be a little slower with new people on the gate, maintaining the standard. Be patient. Overall they're doing a great job. Very sharp out there."

But not all the guards are new to the job.

Alandus Virden was here back in October 2001 with the first National Guard unit to secure the gates.

"It's a lot different than when you're in (military) uniform," Virden said. "You have to have your military bearing. Salute." Virden moved his family from Oxford when he deployed to Redstone. "There are better opportunities here. I was a welder. I like this job better. I'm glad to be back on the gates."

So far, 14 National Guard members who deployed to Redstone since 2001 have been hired on the contract force. There still may be more hired.

Security guard Tim Deen is another return hire. His first stint here was as an MP working the gates from 1979-81.

"It's a lot different now," Deen said. "Didn't quite check them in as closely then as we do now. That and the gates are air-conditioned now. That's nice."

# One-of-a-kind sergeant major was first in line

*Soldier, farmer, teacher, the late Rudolph Weaver spent nine years at Redstone*

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"I think I'll make the Army my career," said Sgt. Maj. Rudolph Weaver back in 1968 a few moments before he raised his right hand and said the oath of re-enlistment for his seventh time.

Weaver, who retired from Redstone Arsenal in 1969, died on Feb 6, 2004 at age 78 at Parkview Nursing Home in Huntsville from complications due to bone cancer.

He spent half of his 26-year career in the Army as a sergeant major, one-fourth of his career stationed at Redstone; and he was the first Soldier here to be promoted to the pay grade of E-8 and eight months later became the first E-9 sergeant major at Redstone Arsenal.

Weaver joined the Army in 1943 in his hometown of Dublin, Ga., and was a combat veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He arrived at Redstone in 1955 as an E-7 and filled the vacancy for a sergeant major at the then Ordnance Guided Missile School. He stayed at Redstone until 1959 when he was assigned to Germany. He spent more than three years in Germany then moved on to Alaska where



Courtesy photo

**THE FIRST— Rudolph Weaver was the first E-9 sergeant major of the Ordnance Guided Missile School, a position he served in from 1955-59 and 1966-68.**

he became sergeant major of the Adjutant General's Office of the Army of Alaska.

Weaver returned to Redstone in 1966 and was assigned to the newly named Missile and Munitions Center and School.

He held this position until May 1968, when he assumed duties as sergeant major in doctrine and new material at the school and performed this duty until he retired in October 1969.

"After 26 years in the military he was ready to move on," said Linda Weaver, Weaver's daughter-in-law and a logistics support assistant for the Tactical Operations Centers/Air and Missile Defense Command and Control Systems Project Office, "but it was such a major part of his life that it was always a piece of him. You could hear it in his voice."

He went on to college at Alabama A&M University and received a degree in education, taught the ROTC program at Lee High for a year and then transferred to Buckhorn High and was a teacher and head of the agricultural department there for 14 years.

When he wasn't at work or spending time with his family, Weaver could be found taking part in one of his many hobbies. He was an avid hunter, antique collector, expert clock repairman, farmer, furniture builder and fisherman.

"He loved hunting and just being out in nature, he was always involved in something," Linda Weaver said. "He made a difference in our lives and touched every person he came in contact with."

Weaver is survived by his wife, Helen Frances, a former employee of the Non-Appropriated Funds at Redstone who retired in 1989; a son, Andrew; daughter,

Kandi, and three grandchildren, Tristian Hopkins, Luke Weaver and Adam Hopkins. He is also survived by three sisters, Vivian Manning, June Clay and Nollie Witherington, who reside in Georgia; and two brothers, Beacham, who lives in Texas, and Llewellyn, who lives in North Carolina.



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## Top 10 honoree

Daniel McElroy was among Army Materiel Command's 10 outstanding personnel of the year for 2002. He receives his award March 16 from Logistics Support Activity commander Col. Kurt Weidenthal at LOGSA's Town Hall meeting.



## Chapel offers many services during Holy week

### *Egg hunt Saturday kicks off events*

By **SANDY RIEBELING**

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You won't have to hunt for opportunities to worship during this holy season. Protestant and Catholic services abound at Bicentennial Chapel and the chaplains want to encourage everyone to attend.

"Our goal is to have something for everyone," Chaplain (Lt. Col.) John Penney said. "Our Good Friday service – seven last sayings of Jesus – is at noon. We planned it so people could come on their lunch hour. We're hoping for big crowds for all the services and events."

The annual Easter egg hunt for children in third-grade or younger will be Saturday at 10 a.m. at the chapel.

"We already have the volunteers lined up to cook and decorate the eggs – 45 dozen," Patty Wilson, religious education coordinator at the chapel, said. "They do such a lovely job with the eggs. And the

kids have such fun."

It's fun and educational, according to Wilson. Children participate in a short story time before the egg hunt to help them understand the true meaning of Easter. Then it's out to the yard for the massive hunt. The younger children will have a special hunting area. Children should bring a bag or basket to collect eggs; parents should bring a camera. If it rains, the event will be canceled and the eggs given to local shelters.

### **Living Last Supper**

The Living Last Supper, a free performance based on the Leonardo da Vinci painting, will be April 7 at 7 p.m. Chaplain (Maj.) Joey Byrd plays the role of Jesus, while his disciples one by one ruminate about the possibility of "Is it I?" who betrays Christ later that evening.

"Everyone is working very hard to learn their lines," Byrd said. "We're having a lot of fun – laughing a lot – but we take it seriously. This is an expression of our faith."

"Rehearsals are going well," Ann Yeager, first year directing the performance,



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**YOU'RE INVITED—** The community is encouraged to attend the many Protestant and Catholic services during this Easter season.

said. "Of course, anytime you tackle the job of stepping into the shoes of the apostles, it's challenging. But I think we're doing pretty well. I think it's going to be good."

"Palm Sunday is what really starts off our events," Phyllis Gibat, Catholic parish assistant, said. "We give out palms to signify the triumphant entry into the city (Jerusalem). On each of the palms is a slip of paper with a time on it for that person to come and pray on Holy Thursday – the Adoration."

Holy Thursday Mass is a reenactment of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples (played by children of the parish). Then afterward, the Adoration is a time of individual prayer for parishioners, reflecting the events in the garden of Gethsemane when Jesus asked his disciples to pray with him. "He said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour?'"

"We've given everyone a designated time so that Jesus is never left alone that night," Gibat said.

Good Friday, April 9, has something for everyone with a Protestant service at noon depicting the last seven sayings of Jesus, and the Catholic liturgy at 3 p.m., with Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.

Catholic Easter Vigil will be April 10 at 8 p.m.

"Our sunrise service will be at 6:30 (Easter) Sunday morning behind the old post chapel," Penney said. "It may be a bit of a sacrifice to get up at 5:30 to come, but then afterwards, you can come have breakfast with us at the recreation center. It's free."

Both Catholic and Protestant Easter services will be held at the chapel later that morning.

For more information about any of the events, call Wilson at 876-6874.

### **Schedule overview**

Events are at the Bicentennial Chapel unless otherwise noted.

Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday at 10 a.m.

- Protestant: April 7 — The Living Last Supper, 7 p.m.; April 9 – Good Friday Service, noon; April 11 – Sunrise Service behind the old post chapel at 6:30 a.m. with free breakfast to follow at the Diane Campbell Recreation Center, worship service at 11 a.m.

- Catholic: April 3 and 4 Palm Sunday services at their regular times; April 8 – Holy Thursday Mass, 8 p.m. and Adoration from 9-midnight; April 9 – Good Friday Liturgy at 3 p.m. and Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.; April 10 – Easter Vigil mass at 8 p.m.; April 11 – Easter mass at 9:30 a.m.



# Military working dogs sniff out victory at nationals

*Redstone handlers, K-9s take top police honors*

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Teamwork and a little help from man's best friend have paid off for Redstone's military working dog branch.

The branch has won honors again from the U.S. Police Canine Association, but this time at the national level. Sgt. Michael Nelson and Officer James Worrall along with their dogs Tico and Bruno won the Department Explosives Detection Team division at the USPCA's 12th annual National Detector Dog Trials.

"Winning first in the department meant they had to work together as a team," kennel master Capt. Jack Rush said. "It is more than winning as an individual. They had to rely on each other to win."

The scores from Nelson and Tico and Worrall and Bruno in the explosives detection events were totaled for the

department division. They achieved a score of 384 points out of a possible 400 to win. The two events judged were indoor and outdoor searches or more commonly known as vehicle and building. There were three other department teams competing in the explosives event.

Both teams won individual honors as well. Worrall and Bruno placed fourth out of 14 for outdoor explosives detection and fifth of 14 in overall explosives detection. Nelson and Tico placed sixth of 14 in outdoor, indoor and overall explosives detection. All dogs, including Jimmy a narcotics dog, were certified nationally.

"The nationals have a tougher competition, since more people are competing from across the nation," Worrall said "I am real happy. I knew we had a good chance. We just had to make sure the dogs worked well that day."

The national victories aren't surprising since the handlers and their K-9s did well at the Regional USPCA competition held in Huntsville. Sgt. Nelson and Tico won first place, Officer Michael K. Nelson and Pitjo took third and Officer Mark Thomp-



Photo by Kim Mason

**WINNING DUOS—** Officer Worrall and Sgt. Nelson pose with their dogs, Bruno and Tico, and their trophies from the National USPCA competition.

son and Eestabon placed fourth in the explosives division.

"Redstone Arsenal military working dog section has a long history of excellence that is directly attributed to their hard work, professionalism, dedication and passion for their profession on a continuing daily basis," Lt. Col. Brad Scofield, provost marshal, said. "These teams are a force multiplier of phenomenal proportions and we are fortunate and very proud to have them protecting the Redstone community. They are definitely the best that I have ever had the privilege to be associated with in over 17 years in the Army. Their community should be just as proud of them as I am."

Ninety-three dog teams competed in

the national competition March 14-17 in Bay St. Louis, Miss. Rush said Redstone's K-9 handlers usually enter the national competition because "the command is so supportive of our unit in allowing us to compete in these events."

Redstone's working dog unit by regulation must pass the Army certification annually. Rush said his branch doesn't have to enter the USPCA certification and competition every year, but does so as a method of testing its skills against another standard.

"I think it enhances our working relationship with other police and sheriff departments in the area," he said, "sharing ideas in the area of training and utilization of police K-9s."

# Fund-raisers on tap for AER campaign



Photo by Bill Richardson

**ADDED RESOURCE—** Mit Merritt, president of the local chapter for American Society of Military Comptrollers, presents a \$3,000 check March 11 to Army Emergency Relief campaign chairman Maj. James Bamburg.

The Army Emergency Relief campaign office provided the following calendar of events.

- Magnetic yellow ribbons for sale for \$5 through May 15 at Army Community Service, sponsored by ACS volunteers. For information call Inger Frye or Mary Breeden 876-5397.

- Stuffed patriotic bears for sale through May 15 at Resource Management Directorate, building 5300. For information call Linda Manning 876-1706.

- Patriotic teddy bears and pins for sale through May 15 in front of cafeteria at building 5400, sponsored by Research Development and Engineering Center. For information call Janet Martin 313-1996.

- Chocolate Gallery Easter and Mothers Day Baskets for sale through May 15, sponsored by the Acquisition Center. For information call Sarah Kilpatrick 876-2698.

- Flag Bag Totes for sale through May 15, sponsored by the Acquisition Center. For information call Amy Pierce 842-6045.

- America 2005 calendars for sale

through May 15 at building 5301, sponsored by Integrated Materiel Management Center, Materiel Management Directorate. For information call J.D. Crownover 876-8303.

- Pentagon Memorial Pins and Stickers for sale through May 15, sponsored by IMMC, MMD. For information call Crownover 876-8303.

- Domino Pizza fund-raising cards for sale through May 15 at building 5309, second floor, sponsored by IMMC. For information call Aileen Jacques 313-1653.

- Scented candles for sale through May 15 at building 5302, sponsored by IMMC. For information call Teri Benson 842-7717.

- Hot dog and barbecue lunch, Thursday at Sparkman Center, sponsored by Short Range Air Defense Project Office. For information call Gwen Phillips 876-8943/7422.

- April Fools' Bake Sale, Thursday at building 5300, first floor sound end, sponsored by Test Measurement and Diagnostic

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# THAAD radar arrives for flight testing

Raytheon Company's Integrated Defense Systems rolled out its first production representative radar for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense system during a ceremony in Andover, Mass., earlier this month.

As one component of the THAAD system, the radar provides surveillance, target tracking, discrimination and communications with the in-flight interceptor. THAAD is designed to defend against short-to-medium range ballistic missiles

from endo- to exo-atmospheric altitudes. The THAAD radar is intended to be rapidly deployable and will deepen and extend the combatant commander's ability to defeat ballistic missiles of all types and ranges.

Following the ceremony the radar was to be shipped to White Sands Missile Range, N.M., to participate in flight testing, scheduled to begin later this year.

*Editor's note: This article is based on a Raytheon Company release.*



Courtesy photo

**PRODUCTION FIRST—** Col. Charles Driessnack, THAAD project manager, speaks at the THAAD radar rollout in Andover, Mass.

# Redstone's twin towers being replaced



Photo by Sandy Riebeling

**TWIN TOWERS—** These antenna towers atop Madkin Mountain are being replaced with one freestanding tower about 130 feet high.

## Damage to structures detected during routine maintenance

By SANDY RIEBELING  
Staff writer  
sandy@htimes.com

Age and weather damage have taken their toll on Redstone's communications towers atop Madkin Mountain.

By the end of April, the two existing 150-foot antenna towers, anchored by guy wires, will be replaced by one freestanding lattice-style tower about 130 feet tall.

"The ones out there now are around 20 years old," Howard Berryhill, construction representative for the Garrison, said. "We noticed some damage about halfway up the towers during routine maintenance."

To take the towers down, repair the damaged areas and reinstall them would be more costly than to replace them,

according to Berryhill. Besides the cost savings, the new tower is safer to use and maintain and it allows for additional antennas to be attached as needed in the future.

"The one we're putting up to replace these will look similar to a cell phone tower," Berryhill said.

The project is in the site approval phase, which means environmental issues are being addressed to ensure plant and animal life will not be adversely affected.

Construction of the new tower will be completed before the old ones are disassembled.

"The users will not even know it's happening," Berryhill said of the changeover. "There won't be any disruptions in service."

The \$50,000 project should be complete in about four weeks.

"This is a stronger, safer tower," Berryhill said, "one that should last us at least 15 years."



*Editor's note: Jamie L. Carson is a member of the Fort Lee Public Affairs Office.*



# Home remedies may be harmful to your health

## Ask medical professional before experimenting

By ROBERT LOVE  
*Fox Army Health Center nurse*

Is it the ever-increasing cost of medical care? Is it because of stories about medical errors in the news? Or is it the high cost of prescription drugs? Most likely, all the above are major reasons why many people are choosing alternative medications. They may also feel that alternative medications are safe. But are they?

Since the beginning of time and throughout the ages, mankind has used herbs for food and medicinal uses. Since the 18th century, ancient remedies and long familiar plants have been tapped for valuable new medicines.

Long before science discovered the healing power of plants, or even believed that those powers existed, Native Americans were proficient healers, using the "Green Pharmacy" of nature. For centuries, Native Americans had been treating a multitude of aches and pains with an herbal brew made from white willow bark. Today, we know a synthesized and refined product of willow bark as aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid). Digitalis (digoxin), a well-known prescription drug used for heart failure, is a derivative of the herbal plant foxglove. As a child being raised in the South, "Poke Salet" was eaten every spring and I still eat it. Never eat poke raw; it is a poison unless prepared properly.

The naked truth about herbal remedies is that they are not tried and tested by the Food and Drug administration. The FDA is the authority in the United States that sets the guidelines on whether a medication is approved or disapproved.

To stay safe, always tell your doctor, pharmacist or other health care provider about the medications you are using, including herbal remedies, over-the-counter medications, supplements and prescription medications.

## Research prescribed

If you are taking a prescription medication, do not take an herbal remedy or dietary supplement for the same condition without telling your health care provider. Take only medications that have labels with dosing instructions, warning information, manufacturer's name, expiration

date and a lot number. Do not exceed the recommended dosage. Do not treat children, pregnant women or nursing mothers without the direction of a qualified HCP. Store all medications in a cool, dry environment. Do not place medications in direct sunlight or keep in your vehicle. Keep all medications out of the reach of children.

Before beginning any new treatment, do your research. Ask questions, read and always get at least a second opinion. In doing my research, I encountered many pros and cons regarding the use of alternative medications.

## Aunt Sally's remedies

According to Aunt Sally: colds, congestion, headaches and indigestion may all be helped by teas made from such herbs and spices as ginger, thyme, all-spice, peppermint and rosemary. As a starter, try reading "Aunt Sally's Tried and True Home Remedies."

Over-the-counter medications do have the endorsement of the FDA and we are constantly reminded of their powers of relief via television, radio and in magazines. These medications are relatively inexpensive and readily available. Pharmaceutical companies have made previously prescription medications available to the general public.

From headaches to stomach aches to aching feet, potential relief is as close as your nearest X-Mart or pharmacy.

It will be well worth your time to learn about medications that are available without a prescription. Health maintenance organizations are encouraging self-care interventions before going to your doctor, not including persons needing urgent or emergency care.

We are drawn to supplements because somehow we feel that we are not getting the right nutrients in our daily diet. It has always been said that a well balanced diet is all one needs to stay healthy. We are not so sure anymore. It is acceptable for one to take a multi-vitamin daily. The epidemic "osteoporosis" does call for the addition of calcium supplementation. Most dietary supplements are not subject to FDA regulations.

The argument for or against the use of herbal medications and dietary supplements should be evaluated and advised individually. Individuals with chronic illnesses should be extra careful before tak-

ing herbs or supplements. Natural does not equal safe.

## Adverse reactions

Any herbal or dietary supplement has the potential for an adverse reaction or drug interaction. Researcher Amy M. Heck, pharmacy doctor, and colleagues found that three alternative medicines, coenzyme Q10, ginseng, and green tea – have been shown to decrease the effectiveness of Coumadin or Warfarin as a blood thinner. Five other medicines – vitamin E, papain, dong quai, devil's claw, and danshen – all have been shown to increase the blood thinning properties of Coumadin, perhaps to dangerous levels. Studies are under way on other popular herbs such as ginkgo biloba, sweet clover, tumeric, borage seed oil, feverfew, garlic, ginger, and angelica root, to determine their ability to increase the risk of bleeding in patients taking Coumadin.

There are mounds of information at the library, on the Internet, at the health food

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Product Management Office. For information call Betty Lawson 876-4792.

- Bowl-a-thon, Thursday at Redstone Bowling Center, sponsored by IMMC, Maintenance Operations and Support. For information call Don Slagle or Mollie Whitmore 313-1596.

- Saddle Up Trail Ride, Saturday at 9 a.m. at Easter Posey Recreation Area on Shields Road off Buxton Road. Riders must provide their own horses. Lunch will be available for purchase. For information call Manning 876-1706.

- Ice cream social and scented candle sale, April 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at building 5300, sponsored by IMMC. For information call Benson 842-7717.

- Friendly Folks personalized cartoons for sale April 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sparkman Cafeteria, sponsored by IMMC, DMA Team. For information call Pat Reilly 876-0209 or Sandra Swartz 842-6772.

- Boxed lunch prepared by Sparkman Cafeteria, April 14 at building 5400, room S-142, sponsored by Technical Manage-

ment Directorate, Research Development and Engineering Center. For information call Dorothy May 842-8391.

- Car wash/hot dog sale, April 15 at Military Personnel Office, building 3494. For information call Barbara Moudy 842-2717.
- Book sale April 19-23 at building 5300, first floor corridor between 5303 and 5304, sponsored by Command Analysis Directorate. For information call Brian Barry 876-5743.
- Golf tournament four-person scramble, April 23 at 7:30 a.m. at Redstone Golf Course, sponsored by the Integrated Materiel Management Center. For information call Sgt. 1st Class Wilbur Williams or Sgt. 1st Class Roy Mixon 876-5399.
- Second annual Charity Car Show, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the parade field by the bowling center, sponsored by Fox Army Health Center. For information call Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Perkins 955-8888, ext. 1106.
- Garrison Fun Day, May 4 at building 4488. Rain date is May 5. For information call Donna Johnson 876-9675.
- Car wash/hot dog sale, May 13 at MILPO. For information call Moudy 842-2717.

## Sports & Recreation

### Baseball bus trip

Civilian Welfare Fund Council is sponsoring a baseball bus trip to see the St. Louis Cardinals and the Atlanta Braves in their only regular season series in Atlanta. This three-day trip will leave Redstone Aug. 13 at 11 a.m. and return Aug. 15 about 7 p.m. Cost is \$190 per person based on double occupancy. This includes two nights at the Embassy Suites Galleria, bus fare, game tickets for that Friday night and Saturday game, snacks and beverages on the bus. For reservations call Charlie Urban 955-7662. A \$100 per person deposit is due by April 1 to hold your reservation. Space is limited so do not delay.

### 5K fund-raiser

The RAM Engineering and Test Division of the Engineering Directorate will hold the third annual RDEC 5K Run and Fun Walk, May 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the physical training track off Corporal Road, to benefit Army Emergency Relief. Military, civilian, contract employees and their family members are welcome. Registration deadline is May 4; and the entry fee is \$15 which includes a T-shirt and race day refreshments. Rain date for the event is May 13. To register, e-mail carolyn.a.farmer@us.army.mil. "Redstone Federal Credit Union has offered to match our donation up to \$1,000," Carolyn Farmer said. "So if we, the RAM Engineering and Test Division of the Engineering Directorate, can raise \$1,000, RFCU will donate

another \$1,000, giving us a potential \$2,000, more if we can get additional participation."

### Boating safety

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will have boating safety classes April 8 through May 20 in building 3305, Stillwell Hall on Zeus Drive, room 215. There is a \$22 charge for the class text binder that is provided to all students. For more information, call Tom Kunhart 885-7096 or 830-6621.

### Youth competition

Child and Youth Services is beginning a "Cup Stacking" team for youth ages 5-18 whose parents are military, DoD, Army, NASA and contractor employees, beginning April 13. The club will meet every Tuesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at School Age Services, building 3400 on Gray Road. Cost is \$20, which includes T-shirt, cups, awards and competition speed-cup stacking. Register at bldg.1500, Weeden Mountain Road, or call 876-3704 for more information.



## Conferences & Meetings

### Toastmasters

Toastmasters can help improve your communication and leadership skills by conducting meetings, giving prepared speeches or briefings, giving impromptu speeches and offering constructive evaluations.

This is an approved government training opportunity. A form DD-1556 is all you need to sign up to start earning your Continuous Learning Points. To find a club near you, go to <http://www.toastmasters.org/find/>. If you have trouble contacting a particular club, contact Chad Daly at [Chad.Daly@smdc.army.mil](mailto:Chad.Daly@smdc.army.mil) or Toastmasters International at [tminfo@toastmasters.org](mailto:tminfo@toastmasters.org).

### General services expo

General Services Administration's Southeast Sunbelt Region invites you to Orlando, Fla., May 11-13 to experience Expo 2004. Admission is free to all civilian and military personnel. Attend more than 250 hours of professional procurement-oriented training, with CEU credit. Visit more than 700 commercial partners, across 300,000 square feet, exhibiting their products and services — all available through GSA schedules. GSA is offering free meeting rooms to federal activities as part of the expo May 10, 11 and 13, 2004. For details check the web site <http://expo.gsa.gov> or call 1-888-272-5565. To schedule a meeting, contact Barbara Petersen at [Barbara.Petersen@gsa.gov](mailto:Barbara.Petersen@gsa.gov).

### Labor law symposium

The North Alabama Chapter of the Federal Bar Association presents its second annual Personnel/Labor Law Symposium on April 14 at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel. Speakers include Merit Systems Protection Board administrative judges, an Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

administrative judge, an assistant U.S. attorney, an attorney from Maxwell Air Force Base and a local practitioner. Application for six hours of Alabama and Tennessee Continuing Legal Education credit has been made. Managers, employees, human resource professionals, union officials and attorneys are the focus audience. For more information, call 544-0024.

### Field artillery group

The North Alabama Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Field Artillery Association will hold its quarterly business meeting Friday from 4:30-7 p.m. at Firehouse Pub, building 114 on Hankins Road. Food and drink will be provided for members, prospective members and their invited guests. For more information, call Ed Poniatowski 876-8605.

### Scholarship banquet

Dr. Adena Williams Loston, associate administrator for education at NASA headquarters in Washington, D.C., is scheduled keynote speaker for the 11th annual scholarship banquet sponsored by the North Alabama Chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers North Alabama Alumni Extension, Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at the Huntsville Marriott. For tickets call Lamont Redrick 461-3549 or 337-3849 or Katrina Jackson 461-2851 or 797-7039.

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## Enlisted spouses

Enlisted Spouses Club meets every second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Challenger Activity Center. The next meeting is April 8. "We have a lot of fun helping the community with bingo, scholarships, volunteering and fund-raising. Come check us out," a prepared release said. New members are welcome. Call Jean Mulcahy 881-7024 for more information.



## Miscellaneous

## Reserve unit openings

A local Army Reserve detachment doing weekend drills on Redstone Arsenal has openings for computer specialists. The unit seeks prior active duty Soldiers or transfers from other Reserve /National Guard units with a specialty of 25B/74B information systems operators and 75B/H unit administration. For 74B, the unit will consider reclassification action to 25B if you can document with resume your Civilian Acquired Skills to include your education/experience in the following computer skills: data base management, programming, networking and telecommunications. Minimum of a secret clearance is required. And you must possess the personal qualifications to pass a SBI background investigation process to obtain a top secret clearance soon. Specialties 74C and 74F are now authorized to convert to 74B as well. For specialty 74C or 74F, they are now authorized to convert to 75B as well. For an interview, call Charles Vartan 876-0604 (work) or 883-8891 (home).

## Civilian deployment

Civilian employees are needed to support Aviation and Missile Command missions overseas. Deployment opportunities exist in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Skill sets needed include acquisition, maintenance, supply, quality assurance, engineers, operations officers, logistics and automation, among others. Volunteers must be currently employed by AMCOM. Contractors cannot be considered to fill these positions. Civilians interested in deploying should notify their supervisor and call Eddie Allen 876-4106 or Gleria Edwards 313-3867. Contractors and other interested people can access [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) for openings and opportunities for overseas employment.

## Aerospace scholarship

The Air Force Association, Tennessee Valley Chapter, will present a \$1,000 scholarship to an Air Force Junior ROTC cadet, cadet in the Civil Air Patrol, dependent of active duty or retired Air Force personnel, dependent of Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve personnel, or dependent of an active duty member of another service (Army, Navy, or Marine Corps). Applicants must pursue a full course load toward an aerospace technology associate degree at Calhoun Community College. This scholarship will be for the 2004-05 school year and will be broken into \$500 awards to the school for each semester attended. Candidates may apply until May 1. For more

information, call Terry Roop (256) 230-0396 after 6 p.m. or e-mail at [TLRoop@charter.net](mailto:TLRoop@charter.net).

## Warrant officer scholarships

The Redstone Arsenal Chapter of the Warrant Officer Association will present two \$1,000 scholarship awards in 2004. Eligible participants include dependent or adopted children/stepchildren of military (active, retired, National Guard or Reserve) and DoD civilian residing in the Tennessee Valley. Applicants must be high school seniors or college freshmen. Deadline to apply is May 1. To download a packet and application form, go to [www.redstonewarrants.com](http://www.redstonewarrants.com).

## Tax assistance center

The Redstone Arsenal Tax Assistance Center is open until April 15 in building 3489 at the corner of Ajax Road and Zeus Road. It provides free tax preparation and electronic filing services to active duty and retired military and their dependents. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 5-7 for walk-in services. For an appointment, call 842-1040.

## Surplus sales

Marshall Space Flight Center's surplus property can be purchased through the General Services Administration sales web site. To bid on this property, go to [www.gsaauctions.gov](http://www.gsaauctions.gov). For more information, call 544-4667.

## Thrift shop

The Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road, is open for shopping Tuesday 9-5 and Wednesday and Thursday 9-4. Walk-in consignment hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9-12:30. Appointments are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 12:30-3. The shop, open this Saturday from 10-2, is now accepting spring and summer clothing and items. Donations are accepted, and tax slips are available. For more information, call 881-6992.

## Bookkeeper job

There's an opening for a bookkeeper at the Thrift Shop. The salary is \$4,200 annually for about 10 hours per week. Applicants should have a thorough knowledge of Quick Books financial program and be proficient in bookkeeping procedures. Applications are available during business hours at the Thrift Shop, building 3209 on Hercules Road. The deadline is Thursday. For information call Isabel Boicourt 881-6992.

## Redstone motorcycle training

Experienced Riders Motorcycle Training is conducted at the Rocket Harley-Davidson Dealership off I-565 and Greenbrier Road. Soldiers, DoD civilians and military retirees are funded by the government. Contractors pay \$75 per person. For registration information, call Keith Coates 876-3383 or John Zuber 876-3114 of the Garrison Safety Office.

## Continuing education

Oakwood College's Leadership Education for the Adult Professional bachelor's degree classes will begin this spring at Redstone Arsenal. Pre-register from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 19-22 at the Education Center, building 3222 on Snooper Road. Earn your degree in 18 months. For more information, call 876-9761.

## Contractor open house

The Joint Venture Yulista and Science and Engineering Services announces an Open House for any potential subcontractors interested in providing engineering or technical support to the Prototype Integration Facility. JVYS has an existing contract to provide support, but additional subcontractor support may be required in the future. The open house will be at the Science and Engineering Services office, 4015 Pulaski Pike, on April 14 from 8 a.m. to noon. Potential subcontractors should bring any brochures or information that describes their capabilities. For more information, call Darrell Harrison 876-5099.

## Panoply volunteers

The Army Society of Military Comptrollers, Redstone/Huntsville Chapter, Community Projects Committee is supporting Panoply 2004 by providing volunteers to help with this community arts festival April 23-25 in Big Spring Park. Volunteers are needed in various areas such as helping in the children's activities, selling Buffalo Rock-Pepsi products, selling Panoply novelty items in one of the Panoply Stores, or welcoming the many visitors to the park at one of the entrance gates. The public hours for Panoply are April 23 from 5-10 p.m., April 24 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and April 25 from noon to 8 p.m. The shifts for volunteers are two hours long with many time slots still available. For more information or to volunteer call Eura Reaves, co-chairman of ASMC Community Projects Committee, 955-8222.

## Army family team building

Help others learn to cope with the challenges of a military lifestyle by becoming an AFTB instructor. After one year of active service with the program, you qualify for additional training provided by the Department of Army to receive certification as a master trainer. The volunteers are spouses of active duty Soldiers, retirees, active duty Soldiers, and Army civilian employees. Want to get involved but you're not comfortable being an instructor? The program's organizers are always looking for volunteers to assist with administration — but completion of instructor training is still a requirement. Instructor training is April 5-8 from 6-9 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 3338 on Redeye Road. AFTB Level I is a prerequisite for instructor training. If you missed the Level I classes held in January, go online to [www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org](http://www.armyfamilyteambuilding.org) and complete Level I. Print out your completion certificate and submit it when you register. Call 876-5397 to register and make a difference for Army families.

## Newcomers' orientation

Learn about Redstone Arsenal by attending the Army Community Service Newcomers' Orientation on April 6 from 8:30 a.m. to noon at ACS, building 3338 on Redeye Road. Speakers, information booths, refreshments and a bus tour of Redstone Arsenal will be offered. Attendance is mandatory for permanently assigned military personnel. Family members are encouraged to attend. Morale, Welfare and Recreation Bucks will be given to all attendees. The MWR Bucks are redeemable at any MWR activity such as the Bowling Center and post restaurants. Free child care is offered at the Child Development Center. The child's shot records are required to use the services. For more information call Mary Breen, relocation assistance program manager, 876-5397.

## Book sale

The Command Analysis Directorate's annual book sale for Army Emergency Relief is April 19-23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Sparkman Center building 5300, in the first-floor corridor between 5303 and 5304. Donations of books, books-on-tape, CDs, DVDs and videotape will be accepted until April 20. To arrange delivery and pickup of donated items, call Brian Barry 876-5743.

## Youth defensive driving

Child and Youth Services will have Defensive Driving Courses, Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Youth Center, building 3148. Youth whose parents are active/retired/ reserve military, DoD, NASA and contractor may participate. This class is for ages 15-18; and registration costs \$18. Enroll at CYS Central Registration, building 1500 on Weeden Mountain Road. Participants will receive a certificate that may be used to receive a discount off automobile insurance. For more information or to register, call Pam Berry 955-6309 or Sheryl Scott 876-5437.

## Military retirement

The Military Officers Association of America will present "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career," a free lecture for officers and senior NCOs who plan to leave the service within the next five years, April 5 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Toftoy Hall. Spouses are welcome. The scheduled lecturer is retired Col. Jerry Crews. For information call Tanzella Jackson 842-2718.

## Living last supper

The entire community of Redstone Arsenal and Huntsville is invited to "The Living Last Supper, a Service of Remembrance" at 7 p.m. April 7 at Bicentennial Chapel. This dramatization of Leonardo Da Vinci's painting of "The Last Supper" is a free event which will last about an

hour. Entrance to Redstone for this event must be made through Gates 1, 9 or 10. Due to security measures, if you are not a government ID card holder you may be escorted by an ID card holder. The roles for the reenactment will be played by members of the chapel's Protestant congregation. The performance will be directed by Ann Yeager, choir director for the congregation. There will be a picture session after the performance.

## Casualty assistance

The Military Personnel Division will conduct annual training for casualty notification and casualty assistance officers. Senior NCOs (E-7 through E-9) and company (captains) and field grade officers (O-3 through O-6) are required to attend. The sessions are 8-9 a.m. April 8, 15 and 22 at Toftoy Hall, room 119. For information call Charles Ham, chief of strength management and personnel operations, 842-2417.

## School grants

The Huntsville Association of Technical Societies has issued a call for proposals for its 2004-05 seed grants. Grants are awarded to K-12 schools in Madison, Marshall, Morgan and Limestone counties. For the past 16 years, HATS has awarded seed grants ranging from \$200 to \$1,000 for innovative projects that help promote student interest in scientific and technical subjects. More than \$17,000 was awarded to 19 teachers in 2003. May 3 is the proposals deadline. For more information, call 882-1234.

## Military personnel office

The DEERS/Rapids office will go through an equipment/software upgrade May 17-18; and the ID Card section is closed both days. There will be no Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting

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# Rocket Announcements

System or identification card services available. For more information, call Theodore Tyson of Military Personnel Office 842-2415.

## 95th change of command

Capt. James Coe will succeed Capt. Jason Mackay as commander of 95th Maintenance Company in a ceremony April 16 at 9 a.m. at Test Measurement and Diagnostic Equipment Activity, building 5435. For more information, call 842-7706.

## Easter Sunday brunch

The Officers and Civilians Club will hold an Easter Sunday Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 11. The entire Redstone community is invited to this brunch buffet. Tickets are \$17.95 for adults, \$7.95 for children age 7-12; and children 6 and under eat free. Call 830-CLUB for reservations.

## Job fair preparation

The Madison County Youth Job Fair is scheduled April 17 at the Huntsville High gym. A training session will be offered April 5 at 4 p.m. at the Youth Center to help Redstone youth prepare for this event. Information will cover skills identification, how to complete job application forms, dress for success and interviewing tips. You can also sign up for bus transportation to and from the job fair. The bus will depart from the Youth Center at 8:30 a.m. and return by noon. To register for the training session and transportation at the Youth Center, call Army Community Service 876-5397.

## Butler High reunion

Butler High School Class of 1969 will hold its 35th reunion June 19 at the Clay House Museum, 16 Main St., Madison. Class members are urged to call Glenda Swafford Anderson 837-9789 or Robin Hall Brewer (256) 325-1018.

## Benefit flea market

The Academy for Academics and Arts performing troupes, the Academy Stars and Clowns, have been invited to perform and train at Disney World. In order to raise funds for this trip to Orlando, Fla., they are sponsoring a multi-family flea market Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at First Christian Church on Whitesburg Drive.

## Antiques show

The Twickenham Historic Preservation District Association announces the 17th annual Weeden House Antiques Show and Sale, Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. at the Roundhouse of the Historic Huntsville Depot Museum, 320 Church St. All proceeds go toward the preservation of the Weeden House Museum and the Twickenham Historic District. Admission is \$5. For more information, call the Weeden House Museum 536-7718 or Randy Roper Interiors 533-2563.

## Easter egg hunt

Central Assembly of God, 1701 Spark-

man Drive northwest, will hold an Easter egg hunt Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information call 837-7004.

## Astronomical society

Von Braun Astronomical Society and NASA astronomer Dr. Roy Young will traverse "The Spring Skies," Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Wernher Von Braun Planetarium in Monte Sano State Park. For non-members, admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Weather permitting, a star party using the VBAS telescopes will follow. For information call Mitzi Adams 961-7626.

## Blood program schedule

April 1 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400. April 2 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at building 5400; and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Post Exchange. April 8 – from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Ground-Based Midcourse Defense; and from 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Sparkman Center. April 9 – from 7-noon at building 5681. April 15 – from 8-noon at building 6263. April 16 – from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at NASA building 4316. April 30 – from 7-noon at Corps of Engineers; and from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at SMDC.

## Gospel and jazz concert

Saxophonist Reginald Smith, a music major at Alabama A&M University, will perform with his group in a gospel/jazz concert Saturday at 7 p.m. at Bibb Graves Auditorium on the A&M campus. Cost is \$10, \$7 with a student ID. For information call 541-0036.

## Fox Army Health Center

The Physical Therapy Clinic at Fox Army Health Center will move to the second floor to offer expanded services to its beneficiaries. This move will allow for more exercise equipment and available space for patient encounters. Due to this move, Physical Therapy will be closed April 9 and will resume normal business hours April 12: from 6:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.

## Military children's month

The Child and Youth Services Kickoff Parade for Month of the Military Child is Thursday at 10 a.m. at the Child Development Center. Children, parents, staff and command representatives will parade around the Bicentennial Chapel to the Youth Center and back to the Child Development Center. The annual Block Party is 1-4 p.m. April 24 at the Youth Center. For more information, go to [www.redstonemwr.com](http://www.redstonemwr.com).

## Barbershop quartet night

You are invited to Southern Splendor Guest Night where you can sing barbershop songs in four-part harmony, share a meal, and learn the barbershop singing hobby. The music and leadership will be provided along with the food at 7 p.m. April 8 at 507 S. Hoffman St. in Athens. Visit the web site at [www.southern-splendor.org](http://www.southern-splendor.org).

Please submit announcements to:  
[skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil](mailto:skip.vaughn@redstone.army.mil)  
by Friday at noon

## ARMY POSITION VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS REDSTONE ARSENAL AND HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA AREA

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SCBK04711940	Housing Manager	31-Mar-04	DPW	GS-1173	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X													
SCBK04736143	General Supply Spec	31-Mar-04	IMMC	GS-2001	9	9	39,866 - 51,829	X	X													
SCBK04737955	Police Officer	31-Mar-04	DPS	GS-0083	6	6	29,919 - 38,900	X	X	X	X				X	X		X				
SCBK04734707	Police Officer	31-Mar-04	DPS	GS-0083	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X	X	X	X				X	X		X				
SCBK04738063	Lead Security Guard	31-Mar-04	DPS	GS-0085	6	6	29,919 - 38,900	X	X	X	X				X	X		X				
SCBK04746998	Supply Systems Analyst	31-Mar-04	IMMC	GS-2003	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X													
SCBK04728460	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	31-Mar-04	IMMC	GS-0346	13	13	62,905 - 81,778	X	X													
SCBK04754875	Inventory Mgmt Specialist	31-Mar-04	IMMC	GS-2010	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X	X	X	X			X			X		X			
WTEJ04726389	Intelligence Specialist	31-Mar-04	ISD	GG-0132	11	12	49,207 - 76,667	X	X		X											
SCBK04741188	Intern Coordinator	1-Apr-04	IMMC	GS-0301	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X														
SCBK04746829	Logistics Mgmt Spec	1-Apr-04	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X														
SCBK04734177	Supv General Engineer	2-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X				
SCBK04717165	General Engineer	2-Apr-04	ACQ SUPP CTR	GS-0801	14	14	81,240 - 105,613	X	X							X			X			
SCBK04694558	Business Mgmt Officer	2-Apr-04	RTTC	GS-0301	14	14	81,240 - 105,613	X	X													
SCBK04740964	Human Resources Asst (MIL/OAS)	2-Apr-04	Garrison	GS-0203	6	7	26,836 - 38,767	X	X													
SCBK04773631	Training Instructor	2-Apr-04	OMEMS	GS-1712	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X	X	X						X	X		X			
WTEJ04743843	Security Specialist	2-Apr-04	ISD	GG-0080	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK04574757R	General Engineer	2-Apr-04	SMDC	GS-0801	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X		X		X		X	X						
SCBK04691937	Equipment Specialist	2-Apr-04	IMMC	GS-1670	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X		X		X						X			
SCBK04754959	Logistics Mgmt Specialist	2-Apr-04	IMMC	GS-0346	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X													
SCBK04531784	Operations Research Analyst	5-Apr-04	PEO Tac Missiles	GS-1515	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X													
SCBK04762571	Program Analyst	5-Apr-04	ACQ SUPP CTR	GS-0343	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X													
SCBK04671408	Public Affairs Assistant	5-Apr-04	PAO	GS-0303	6	6	26,836 - 34,891	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X				
SCBK04737484	Program Integrator	5-Apr-04	DCSS	GS-0301	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X													
SCBK04762631	Management Assistant	5-Apr-04	MEDDAC	GS-0344	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X	X													
SCBK04763918	Program Suppt Asst (OA)	5-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DK-0303	3	3	33,247 - 47,868	X	X													
SCBK04787387	Materials Engineer	6-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0806	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X		X		X	X		X				
SCBK04773493	Equipment Specialist	6-Apr-04	IMMC	GS-1670	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X	X	X	X		X			X		X				
SCBK04531784R	Training Instructor	7-Apr-04	OMEMS	GS-1712	11	11	49,207 - 63,967	X	X	X	X					X	X		X			
SCBK04742193	Supv Contract Specialist	8-Apr-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-1102	14	14	81,240 - 105,613	X	X		X		X		X		X					
SCBK04590915	Aircraft Pilot	8-Apr-04	Garrison	GS-2181	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04740922	General Engineer	9-Apr-04	RDEC	DB-0801	4	4	81,240 - 124,232	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04730622	Support Serv Asst (OA)	9-Apr-04	RMD	GS-0303	7	7	33,247 - 43,221	X	X		X											
SCBK04747937	Aerospace Engineer	9-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04747211	Secretary (OA)	9-Apr-04	OMEMS	GS-0318	6	6	29,919 - 38,900	X	X	X						X	X					
SCBK04743250	IT Specialist	12-Apr-04	SMDC	GS-2210	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X		X		X		X							
SCBK04680210	General Engineer	13-Apr-04	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X													
SCBK04740926	General Engineer	17-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04747824	Program Analyst	19-Apr-04	CMO	GS-0343	12	12	58,977 - 76,667	X	X										X			
SCBK04783593	General Engineer	19-Apr-04	SMDC	GS-0801	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X													
SCBK04763658	Mechanical Engineer	20-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0830	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04763643	Aerospace Engineer	20-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0861	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04756919	General Engineer	20-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04760860	Electronics Engineer	20-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0855	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04779973	Computer Engineer	20-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0854	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04719892	Supv General Attorney	22-Apr-04	SMDC	GS-0905	15	15	97,486 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
SCBK04763996	Lead General Engineer	22-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04747843	Supervisory IT Specialist	22-Apr-04	DOIM	GS-2210	14	14	82,876 - 107,741	X	X													
SCBK04781545	General Engineer	30-Apr-04	AMRDEC	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				
SCBK04646611OC	Architect, Chem Engr, Civil Engr, Elec Engr, Env Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Arch	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0808, 0893, 0810, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X													
SCBK04651453OC	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0018	12	12	52,281 - 67,968	X	X	X	X		X		X	X						
SCBK04651628OC	Safety & Occ Health Sp	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0018	11	11	48,236 - 62,707	X	X				X		X	X	X		X			
SCBK04651434OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0301	13	13	68,748 - 89,369	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X				
SCBK04685735OC	Civ Engr, Architect, Chem Engr, Elec Engr, Env Engr, Mech Engr, Landscape Arch	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0810, 0808, 0893, 0850, 0819, 0830, 0807	12	13	54,024 - 89,369	X	X		X		X		X	X	X		X			
SCBK04697994OC	Project Mgmt Specialist	31-Dec-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-0301	12	13	57,812 - 89,369	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X				

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X-LW-04-6204-LW	General Engineer	31-Mar-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-ST-04-6156-ST	Chemist	2-Apr-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-1320	11	12	48,236 - 62,707	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-RW-04-6199-HW	Supv Contract Specialist	2-Apr-04	CoE Huntsville	GS-1102	14	14	81,240 - 105,613	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6229-LW	Aerospace Engineer	6-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0861	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6236-LW	General Engineer	7-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-0801	13	13	70,133 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6075-FL	Aircraft Pilot	7-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	GS-2181	12	12	57,812 - 75,159	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6184-LW	Supv General Engineer	9-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6185-LW	Supv General Engineer	9-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-JB-04-6206-JB	Gen Engr, Elec Engr, Aerospace Engr, Comp Engr, Mech Engr, Materials Engr, Electrical Engr	15-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801; 0855; 0861; 0854; 0830; 0806; 0850	2	3	31,302 - 64,730	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6207-LW	General Engineer	20-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6227-LW	Computer Engineer	20-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0854	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6222-LW	Mechanical Engineer	20-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0830	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6220-LW	Aerospace Engineer	20-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0861	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6221-LW	Electronics Engineer	20-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0855	3	3	58,977 - 91,174	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
X-LW-04-6216-LW	General Engineer	22-Apr-04	Office Sec of Army	DB-0801	4	4	82,876 - 126,735	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			

WHO CAN APPLY CODE DEFINITIONS (Note: Only U.S. citizens are eligible to apply for Army positions)

A - Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees serviced by Redstone CPAC.
B - All Army permanent competitive service employees and certain Army excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
C - Compensable Disabled Veterans receiving 30% or more compensation from a military service or the VA (SF-15 and other documentation required).
D - All Department of Defense competitive service employees and certain DOD excepted service employees (SF-50 documenting service required).
E - Executive Order 12721 eligibles. (Former overseas family member employees who meet eligibility requirements)
F - All Federal Employees
H - Severely handicapped persons. (Documentation from State Vocational Rehabilitation Service required)
I - Interagency Career Transition Assist Plan (ICTAP). (Non-DOD Federal employees who have been displaced by RIF.)
R - Reinstatement eligibles (former competitive service Federal employees who meet eligibility requirement.)
T - Transfer eligibles (non-Army Federal competitive service employees). (SF-50 documenting service required)
V - Certain veterans and prior military members who meet the eligibility criteria under VRA or VEOA programs (DD-214s or